GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF LPG IN U.P.
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints that Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) distributors in Uttar Pradesh are not supplying the gas to the consumers regularly and the consumers have to bring the LPG cylinder themselves from the gas agency's godown and pay a higher price ;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government against the distributors during the last three years and in the current year ;

(c) whether these LPG distributors are involved in black marketing of gas cylinders ; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country including in the State of Uttar Pradesh and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

OMCs have detected 167 cases of blackmarketing of LPG /non-home delivery and not extending cash and carry rebate to the customers against their LPG distributorships in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and April to October, 2008. Action against all the erring distributorships was taken as per the provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) / Distributorship Agreement.